

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is filed further to the Amendment filed on January 3, 2007 in response to the Official Action dated October 3, 2006, solely for the purpose of correcting an obvious typographical error in the prior amendments to claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Amendment be entered.

Upon entry of the Amendment filed on January 3, 2007, claims 1-13 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is amended herein solely to correct an obvious typographical error.

Claims 1, 5 and 11 remain independent.

The Error

It was recently noted that (1) the last 3 lines of amended claim 1, as presented in the Amendment filed on January 3, 2007, recite "(ii) display areas of other reels that are not to be stopped are in the state that a player can see the symbols on those reels", and that (2) the last 2 lines of the remarks presented on page 8 of the Amendment filed on January 3, 2007, state that claim 1 requires that "(ii) display areas of other reels that are not to be stopped are in the state that a player can see the symbols on those reels."

Both of the above referenced claim 1 recital and remark are in error because they are missing an instance of the term "not". Both should have read "(ii) display areas of other reels that are not to be stopped are in the state that a player can not see the symbols on those reels" (underlining only to highlight the error).

The error is typographical and obvious in view of, for example, the remarks in the third paragraph on page 9 of the Amendment where it is stated that "Thus, in

accordance with each of the independent claims, varying symbols that are to be stopped can be seen by the player, but varying symbols that are not to be stopped (e.g. other simultaneously varying symbols) cannot be seen by the player.”

Accordingly, claim 1 is amended herein to add the inadvertently missing “not”. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Additionally it is respectfully requested that it be noted that, contrary to the arguments presented in the last paragraph of page 8 of the Amendment filed on January 3, 2007, it should be understood that the, as amended herein, independent claim 1 requires, inter alia:

shielding control device for controlling the shielding device under control of the CPU to be in either a state that a player can see the symbols or a state that the player cannot see the symbols so that a stopping order is indicated, by controlling the shielding device such that (i) a display area of a reel that is to be stopped is in the state that the player can see the symbols on the reel and (ii) display areas of other reels that are not to be stopped are in the state that a player can not see the symbols on those reels.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed local telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any remaining issues and further to expedite passage of the application to issue, if any further comments, questions or suggestions arise in connection with the application.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37

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